

8 locating an exterior of the blood vessel; and
9 ejecting the pledget adjacent the exterior of the blood vessel.

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2 ~~62.~~ (New) The method for facilitating hemostasis of a puncture in the wall of a
3 blood vessel according to Claim ²⁶~~61~~, wherein the exterior of the blood vessel is located by
tactile feedback upon contact with the exterior of the blood vessel.

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2 ~~63.~~ (New) The method for facilitating hemostasis of a puncture in the wall of a
3 blood vessel according to Claim ²⁶~~61~~, wherein the pledget of hemostatic material is absorbed
within the body of the patient.

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2 ~~64.~~ (New) The method for facilitating hemostasis of a puncture in the wall of a
3 blood vessel according to Claim ²⁶~~61~~, further comprising loading the introducer over a
guidewire by inserting the guidewire through the loaded pledget.

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2 ~~65.~~ (New) The method for facilitating hemostasis of a puncture in the wall of a
3 blood vessel according to Claim 61, wherein the step of ejecting the peldget is performed
by withdrawing the introducer.
